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**Richard Rowan; Wrote
Books on Espionage**

Jersey City—Richard Wilmer Rowan, 65, noted spy authority and author of numerous books on intelligence activities, died yesterday at the Medical Center.

Rowan was the author of "The Story of the Secret Service," published in 1937. The work has been praised by Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as "the best account by an American author that I have seen, giving the history of intelligence services through the ages."

Rowan's accounts of intelligence systems were so detailed that before World War II the Japanese High Command used excerpts from his books as part of its spy-training program.

His first book, titled "Spy and Counterspy," was published in 1928. Rowan's interest changed slightly through his readings, and his creative talent turned to private detectives. He wrote "The Pinkertons," in 1931. International espionage was his next subject matter, in "Spies and the Next War" in 1934, a survey of intelligence operations in Europe after World War I. In "Secret Agents Against America," Rowan explored the lack of attention the United States gave to foreign spies and the lack of money it spent on American intelligence sources.

Other works included "Terror in Our Time," published in 1940, "The Life Story of a Japanese Spy," in 1944, and "Stalin's Secret Service," in 1952.

Rowan is survived by his wife, Ruth. Funeral services are to be held 10:30 AM Monday at the Universal Funeral Chapel at Lexington Avenue and 52nd Street.